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TAGS: PP, US, PFOR

SUBJ: U.S. REPRESENTATION IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

REF: CANBERRA 3144

1. DURING RECENT VISIT TO PNG BY POLITICAL COUNSELOR, IT WAS SUGGESTED TO HIM BY SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF THE USG WOULD INDICATE IN WRITING ITS INTENTION TO ESTABLISH A CONSULAR POST IN PORT MORESBY. IMPLICATION OF THIS SUGGESTION IS THAT IT MIGHT BE EASIER TO DEAL WITH PNG GOVERNMENT ON UNOFFICIAL BASIS IN ARRANGING FOR OFFICE AND RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATIONS WHEN SELF-GOVERNMENT IS GRANTED ON DECEMBER 1, 1973, IF USG HAS INDICATED FIRM DESIRE TO ESTABLISH MISSION THERE. EMBASSY IS PASSING SUGGESTION ALONG FOR DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION IN VIEW OF EXTENDED DELAY IN GAINING APPROVAL FOR APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO OPEN POST IN PNG.

2. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF U.S. CONSULATE (AND CONSULATES OF SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES) WAS GRANTED BY THE PNG EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN MID-1972. OUR NAME WAS APPARENTLY PUT FORWARD AT BEHEST OF AUSTRALIANS ON BASIS THAT U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD WISH TO MOVE QUICKLY TO OPEN POSTS AS SOON AS PATH TOWARD SELF-GOVERNMENT AND INDEPENDENCE OF PNG BECAME CLEAR.

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3. IN CIRCUMSTANCES I RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT
AUTHORIZE ME TO SEND LETTER TO PNG GOVERNMENT SUGGESTED
PARA 1 ABOVE. SUCH LETTER SHOULD BE SENT BEFORE PNG
SELF-GOVERNMENT ON DECEMBER 1 THIS YEAR. PROPOSED
LETTER WOULD CONTAIN CAVEAT THAT OPENING OF POST WOULD
BE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY
U.S. CONGRESS FOR THIS PURPOSE.
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Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CONSULATES, DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 05 OCT 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: collinp0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
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Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
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From: CANBERRA
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